

Item 8B

To: State Reclamation Board Files

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This memorandum is to document the findings that were adopted by the Board at its meeting on March 20, 2007 in Sacramento, California, regarding the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency's Natomas Cross Canal Project in Sutter County.

The State Reclamation Board heard and approved SAFCA's Natomas Cross Canal Project application for an encroachment permit to construct 12,800 feet of seepage cutoff wall to a depth of about 80 feet in the left (south) bank levee of the Natomas Cross Canal.

The Board found that CEA documents for the Project were adequate and that all environmental impacts within the scope of the authority of the Board had been mitigated or avoided. The Board concurred with the determination of the Environmental Review Committee, as endorsed by the General Manager, that CEQA documents were adequate and in compliance with CEQA for purposes of approving Permit No. 18159-1.

Specifically, the Board made findings that:

1. Environmental impacts of this Project within the jurisdiction of the Board have been mitigated or avoided as a result of changes, alterations and mitigation measures incorporated into the project,
2. Mitigation measures set forth in SAFCA's EIR relating to flood control and public safety are hereby adopted, and SAFCA's Mitigation Monitoring Plan is incorporated by reference, and
3. Based on the evidence presented to the Board, the Project will not result in hydraulic impacts that will have a significant effect on the environment.